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MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES IN WATER AND SEWERAGE NETWORK
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have decided to involve multi-national companies to improve their existing water and sewerage networks or provide improved water and waste water services to the urban population;

(b) if so, the State Governments which have taken the lead to privatise the water supply and the cities to be covered under the proposed scheme in their respective States;

(c) whether the expenditure on the proposed scheme is to be partly met by the Centre and partly by the State Governments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the multi-national companies who have submitted their proposals for participation in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): Since urban water supply and sanitation are State subjects, this Ministry is not monitoring the involvement of multi-national companies by the State Governments to improve their existing water and sewerage networks. Though some State Governments are making efforts to involve the private sector, however, no successful privatization has been reported so far.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): As per available information, following multinational companies had submitted proposals for foreign collaboration to the Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion:-

(i) M/s Biwater International U.K.to set up a 100% subsidiary to undertake inter-alia a project offered by Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board for implementing Cauvery Water Supply Scheme Phase-II of Stage IV on BOOT (Build-Operate-Own-Transfer basis.

(ii) M/s Bechtel International INC., USA with M/s Hindustan Construction Company Ltd. to set up an integrated and incorporated joint venture company for execution of a turn key Tirupur Water Supply Project.

(iii) M/s Onyx Asia Holdings Pvt.Ltd., Singapore with M/s C.E.S.Onyx Pvt. Ltd. for implementing environmental service activities like municipal solid and liquid waste collection, industrial cleansing, etc. in Chennai.